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Stunning real homes packed with bright ideas and fascinating finds

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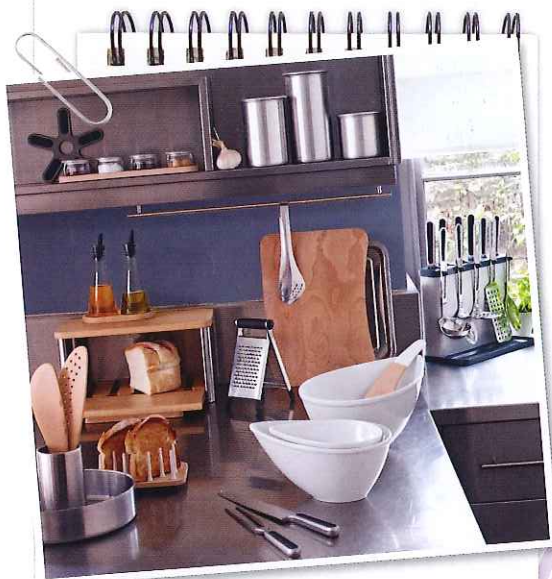
Decorating with pastels
Pretty soft shades add an elegant feel to your home

IN THE KITCHEN

Fresh looks and coastal shades for stylish spring kitchens

Nautical stripes

The classic combination of red, white and blue is perfectly at home in a traditional setting and can be updated in an instant with curtains and blinds. Take a look at the range available at The Natural Curtain Company, which has a selection of striped fabrics that will also add a nautical touch to your interior. These cotton-lined, pencil-pleat curtains in Celeste, £28 per m, are teamed with a roller blind, tablecloth and cushion in Fraise, £15 per m. The company also offers ready-made, made-to-measure and bespoke curtains, in a choice of styles, as well as fabric by the metre. 0845 500 0400, www.naturalcurtaincompany.co.uk.



SIMPLE STYLE

With Sir Terence Conran as his father, Sebastian Conran has design in his blood and he mixes style and innovation to superb effect. His new kitchenware range at John Lewis has simple lines and is beautifully chic with a retro 1970s air. Wooden toast rack, £18; round counter tidy, £40; drop-door bread bin, £60; knife and utensil block, £195, all John Lewis, 0845 604 9049, www.johnlewis.com.

Time scales

With a weight dial on one side and a clock on the other, the lovely pastel shades and retro design of these scales make them ideal for leaving out on display. The stainless-steel pan has a 4kg capacity, £125, from the Living Colours range at Wesco, 0845 123 2277, www.wesco.co.uk.



£125

Fine art

These elegant ceramic coasters with delicate butterfly, bird and dragonfly designs add a distinct old-world flavour, £12 for a set of four, Melody Maison, 01302 711116, www.melodymaison.co.uk.



£12

Brighten up white table linen by adding half a cup of baking soda, white vinegar or borax powder to the wash at the start of the cycle. Or, try Dr Beckmann Glowwhite sachets, from £1.89 each at supermarkets, which is effective even in a cold wash. For added brightness, dry your whites in the sunshine.